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STATIC DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, SOUTHERN FAR EAST MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) This is the first in a series of reports documenting and describing static defensive positions along the Sino-Soviet border. This report, based on relevant imagery acquired between June 1975 and August 1980, covers a portion of the Far East Military District border area from Lake Khanka southward.

2. (S/D) Forty-five static defensive positions containing 210 tanks and 134 tank turrets are currently in this area. Figure 1 shows the relative locations of these static defensive positions; Table 1 provides exact geographic and reference data. There are two categories of static defensive positions. One type is the static defense company, which consists of 10 medium or heavy tanks in interconnected revetments (Figure 2). The other is the strongpoint, which contains two to seven heavy tank turrets mounted on widely spaced individual concrete aprons (Figure 3).

3. (S/D) Both types of static defensive positions are subordinate to fortified zone units.¹ Fortified zone units are a combination of maneuver units and static defenses positioned at vulnerable points along the border.

4. (S/D) The static defensive positions were constructed in this area between 1973 and 1978. They are located along geographically favorable routes of advance into the USSR and are heavily clustered in four areas (Figure 1): along the Trans-Siberian railroad north of Spassk-Dalniy, across the lowlands along Lake Khanka north of Kamen-Rybolov, along the valley from Pogranichnyy to Khorol which provides access to the interior plain south of Lake Khanka, and along the Razdolnaya River valley which leads from the border to the Ussuriysk/Vladivostok area.

5. (S/D) The static defensive positions would be used during wartime to selectively channel an enemy advance. This would allow the Soviets more time for the deployment of regular troops. Nine motorized rifle divisions (MRD) and one second-generation MRD subordinate to two armies are in the general area of the static defensive positions.

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Table 1.
Static Defensive Positions, Southern Far East Military District, USSR

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Installation Name	BE No	Geographic Coordinates	Remarks
Chervonny Pogradichnik Tank Strongpoint		45-08-50N 131-51-45E	6 tank turrets
Novokachalinsk Tank Strongpoint		45-05-20N 132-00-10E	6 tank turrets
Komissarovo Tank Strongpoint		44-59-30N 131-46-20E	6 tank turrets
Dukhovskoye Tank Strongpoint 1		44-52-20N 133-11-40E	6 tank turrets
Dukhovskoye Tank Strongpoint 2		44-51-40N 133-10-10E	6 tank turrets
Aleksandrovka Tank Strongpoint		44-49-30N 132-56-10E	6 tank turrets
Chkalovskoye Tank Strongpoint		44-51-10N 133-01-30E	6 tank turrets
Voskresenka Tank Strongpoint		44-36-30N 132-41-35E	6 tank turrets
Dvoryanka Strongpoint 1		44-51-30N 131-37-10E	9 firing positions
Dvoryanka Strongpoint 2		44-49-45N 131-36-05E	6 firing positions
Boguslavka Tank Strongpoint South		44-29-45N 131-33-20E	4 tank turrets
Boguslavka Strongpoint		44-28-20N 131-33-00E	10 revetted tanks
Nesterovka Strongpoint		44-28-00N 131-43-10E	10 revetted tanks
Pogradichnyy Tank Strongpoint		44-27-20N 131-30-00E	20 revetted tanks (2 10-tank positions)
Popovka Tank Strongpoint		44-26-30N 131-56-30E	3 tank turrets
Lukashevka Strongpoint		44-26-25N 131-53-30E	10 revetted tanks
Pogradichnyy Tank Strongpoint NW		44-25-02N 131-29-09E	10 revetted tanks
Khorol Strongpoint		44-25-50N 132-03-20E	10 revetted tanks
Pogradichnyy Strongpoint SW 3		44-20-50N 131-29-05E	10 revetted tanks
Pogradichnyy Strongpoint SW 4		44-19-30N 131-28-05E	10 revetted tanks
Pogradichnyy Strongpoint South 1		44-18-50N 131-22-05E	10 revetted tanks

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Installation Name	BE No	Geographic Coordinates	Remarks
Pogranichnyy UR Bks AL-2		44-23-53N	20 revetted tanks
Sofiye-Alekseyevskoye Strongpoint 5		131-22-27E	(2 10-tank positions)
Sergeyevka Tank Strongpoint West		44-18-30N	6 tank turrets
Pogranichnyy Strongpoint South 2		131-20-20E	
Novogeorgiyevka Tank Strongpoint N		44-17-50N	3 tank turrets
Novogeorgiyevka Tank Strongpoint 2		131-33-00E	
Novogeorgiyevka Tank Strongpoint		44-15-20N	10 revetted tanks
Poltavka Tank Strongpoint 2		131-21-40E	
Poltavka Tank Strongpoint		44-10-30N	10 revetted tanks
Chernyatino Tank Strongpoint SW 1		131-20-45E	
Chernyatino Tank Strongpoint SW 2		44-07-25N	10 revetted tanks
Nikolo-Lvovsk Tank Strongpoint		131-20-30-E	
Aleksey-Nikolskoye Tank Strongpoint W		44-05-40N	6 tank turrets
Aleksey-Nikolskoye Tank Strongpoint N		131-22-40E	
Bogatyrka Tank Strongpoint North		44-00-40N	7 tank turrets
Borisovka Bdr Gds Strongpoint		131-18-25E	
Korsakovka Bdr Strongpoint		44-00-30N	10 revetted tanks
Terekhovka Bdr Gds Strongpoint		131-20-00E	
Terekhovka Tank Strongpoint		43-55-20N	10 revetted tanks
Ovchinnikovo Tank Strongpoint		131-16-48E	
Barabash Tank Strongpoint		43-54-30N	10 revetted tanks
Kraskino Tank Strongpoint		131-19-06E	
		43-53-00N	6 tank turrets
		131-21-15E	
		43-52-40N	5 tank turrets
		131-31-10E	
		43-52-05N	2 tank turrets
		131-33-50E	
		43-50-10N	3 tank turrets
		131-38-10E	
		43-49-55N	7 tank turrets
		131-44-30E	
		43-45-05N	6 tank turrets
		131-42-05E	
		43-41-50N	6 tank turrets
		131-44-00E	
		43-38-25N	7 tank turrets
		131-53-20E	
		43-15-00N	10 revetted tanks
		131-23-40E	
		43-11-20N	10 revetted tanks
		131-31-40E	
		42-47-30N	10 revetted tanks
		130-46-20E	

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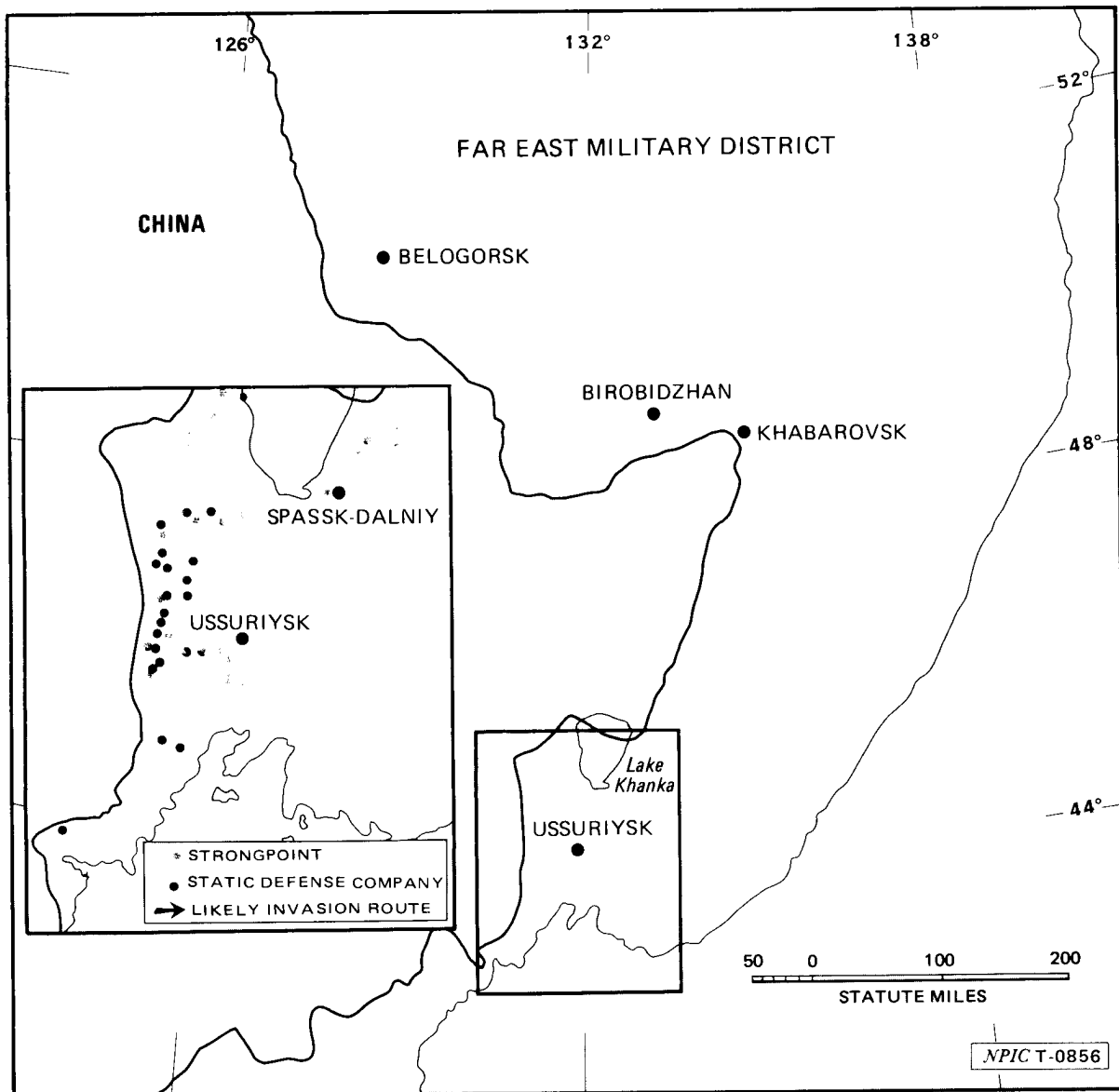


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF STATIC DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, SOUTHERN FAR EAST MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR

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